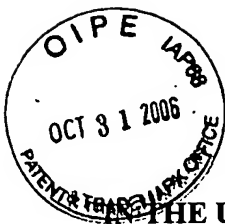


W
AF

URGENT - RULE 116 COMMUNICATION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 3616



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Matsuura et al,

Serial No.: 10/602,689

Filed: 6/25/2003

Title: KNEE PROTECTION AIRBAG
DEVICE

Atty. Dkt.: 26C-021-RCE

Art Unit: 3616

Examiner: David R. DUNN

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window
Randolph Building
401 Dulany St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Date: October 31, 2006

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed August 7, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.